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Alumni Return To Sing 'Sanctus'

Rackham Trustees Appropriate Additional \$30,000 To School

Pool, Dormitory Of Special Education Unit Will Be Completed With New Funds

An additional grant from the Horace and Mary A. Rackham fund was made this week in order that a swimming pool and the dormitory of the Rackham School of Special Education might be completed, according to an announcement by President John M. Munson.

It is intended to complete the swimming pool which was provided for in the original plans. The downstairs section of the dormitory will also be completed. It is in this section that provisions were made for a recreation room and several other facilities.

The board of trustees for the Rackham fund approved the appropriation this week. The

Annual Oratory Contest To Pick State Finalists

Select Representatives For Final Meet In March

Six students will participate in the 51st annual oratory contest next Tuesday evening to compete for the honor of representing the college in the state meet scheduled to occur in March.

Three men and three women were judged survivors of the 18 students who participated in the preliminary tryout held on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

The women who will speak are Anna Watt, Betty Jessup and Alice Boelens. The finalists among the men were Luren Strait, with the subject, "A Revitalized Religion", Jack Covert, whose theme was "The Path to Peace", and W. C. Oliver, who spoke upon "130 Million Kings", the citizens of American democracy.

Scheduled to occur at 8 o'clock, the contest will be presided over by Pi Kappa Delta president Ruth Huber, who will present the chairman, Dr. Leslie A. Butler, director of teacher training and appointment secretary here. The program will open with two selections by the young pianist, Miss Marie Turner, and the contest will immediately follow.

The judges will be Miss Doyne Wolfe of the modern language department, Mrs. Ida H. McKay, a teacher in the speech department of the college, and Professors J. S. Lathers, H. L. Turner and F. B. McKay. One woman and one man will be chosen to represent the college in the annual contest of the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League scheduled to take place at the Central State Teachers College, March 1. The students and public are cordially invited to attend the contest.

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Men's Union Meeting Tuesday At McKenny

Business and pleasure will be the order of the next meeting of the Men's Union which will be held next Tuesday at 10 in the ballroom of McKenny Hall.

Intermingled with the business of the day will be selections by "Hungry" Hanford and his Hot Shots, featuring Whitey Hlad, Ed Kontry on the harmonica, John Grant, and Ed Poly.

The above entertainers were the highlights of the recent Men's Union talent hunt and are being returned by popular demand.

The Men's Union executive board will have a banquet at McKenny Hall next Tuesday at 6. Administration officials of the College will be guests.

Mary Harris Gets Fine Reception In Piano Recital

Mary Harris, in her debut with the College Symphony last Sunday, received enthusiastic applause from a large audience for her brilliant rendition of "Rhapsodie D'Auvergne" by Saint-Saens. She displayed remarkable poise and control of her instrument, and made a striking figure in her chic red and white gown.

The orchestra, too, was well received, and the prolonged applause at the conclusion of the concert brought Conductor Fossenkemper back to the podium to direct the orchestra in an encore. Other selections were "Morning, Noon, and Night in Vienna" by Suppe, Ansell's "Children's Suite," "Irish Tune from County Derry," and "Handel in the Strand" by Percy Grainger, and the "Invitation to the Dance" by von Weber.

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Home Ec. Club Formal Saturday

Group To Hold Christmas Dinner December 12

The annual formal dance of the Home Economics club will be held Saturday, December 9 in the ballroom of McKenny Hall. Bobby Sherger, Ann Arbor orchestra, will provide the music for the dancers.

Tickets are available to all Home Ec students, either majors or minors. Each student is allowed to bring one guest couple.

The Home Economics club is now sewing and planning new clothes for their nudists which includes a number of dolls which will be distributed to children for Christmas. The dolls will be displayed at the annual Christmas dinner Tuesday, December 12 at 5:30.

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ATTENTION

The last day for Aurora appointments is Tuesday, December 14. All proofs must be returned to studio by December 15. Be sure your picture is in. If not, come to the Aurora office at once.

Cagers To Meet Albion, Bearcats

Season Officially Opens Tonight At Central High Gym

Michigan Normal's cage squad officially opens its basketball season tonight opposing Albion College in the Central High gym at 7:30. On Saturday night the team travels to Mt. Pleasant to oppose Central State's powerful Bearcats.

Tonight's game marks the resumption of varsity athletics with Albion for the first time since Michigan Normal dropped its membership in the M. I. A. A. Albion, runner-up for M. I. A. A. honors last year, will have a strong lineup again this year. With six lettermen returning and a group of promising sophomores to pick from, the squad looks like it will have a good year. Among the veterans for Albion is Bill Feduniak, all-conference center, who is expected to be the spark-plug of this year's aggregation. With the better teams of the M. I. A. A. always giving Normal a good battle tonight's game looks like a bang-up curtain raiser.

Central State's Bearcats have almost the entire 1938-39 team returning for this year's play. Carlo Barberi will be the only regular missing, but his place is being fought for by a goodly number of likely prospects. Elzinga, Norton, Norris, and Carlson are all prim-

Ten Groups Enter Annual Christmas Sing Of Seniors

The annual Christmas Sing will be more colorful this year than ever before, with no less than ten groups having declared their intentions of participating in the festivities, as this paper goes to press. With the jovial Howard Wigell as master of ceremonies, it is expected that a large number of students, faculty, and townspeople will fill Pease auditorium on the night of December 14 to join with these groups in the singing of old Christmas carols.

Seasonal decorations of a huge decorated Christmas tree and a wreath will brighten the stage. Eight women of the senior class have been chosen as ushers. Donna MacDonald, Sylvia Zeve, Lucille Bartram, Sue Matthews, Margaret Pitkethly, Edith Adams, Alice Dickey, and Lucille O'Brien will act in this capacity.

The ten groups who are to take part are Theta Lambda Sigma, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Pi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Sigma, Kappa Mu Delta, Zeta Chi Sigma, Y. W. C. A. Campus Choristers, and Goodison Hall.

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Dormitories Hold House Warmings

Both King and Goodison residence halls are holding house warmings for women students and faculty members. Sunday afternoon has been set as the date for the faculty members to attend house warming.

Those girls who were unable to attend the tea and open house last Tuesday are invited to come Tuesday of next week.

Evelyn Mueckler, president of Goodison Hall, and Evelyn Rice, president of King Hall, will serve as hostesses assisted by girls from their dormitories.

Alexander Announces 54 Grads Will Close Concert With Bach

Virginia Mutter Brings Wayne High School Chorus To Take Part In Prelude

An unusual homecoming in which the alumni provide the entertainment for the under-graduates will take place tonight when 54 graduates bring the 31st choir presentation to a close with the famous Bach "Sanctus" in Pease auditorium tonight. The doors of the auditorium will close at 8 o'clock and late-comers will have to wait until the conclusion of the prelude before being admitted.

The prelude by the children's choir will again open the concert. Virginia Mutter, now teaching in Wayne High School, will return with her group of singers to take part in the prelude. The Wayne choristers will sing "The First Nowell" with Irving Bush, '36, as soloist. St. Luke's choir coached by Mrs. Wortley will sing "At Last Thou Art Come, Little Saviour." Roosevelt High School's group coached by Miss Ashby will offer "Il est ne", an old French noel. Clarinet accompanists will be William Griss and Oscar Huyge.

This concert will be one of the last to be directed by Frederick Alexander; for next year he brings to a close 32 years of continuous teaching and choir directing here. He will conduct the Bach festival, next year's Christmas concert, the Bach festival again; and then he will be retired.

Of unusual interest in the music department of this institution is the fact that only two men have guided the destiny of Michigan State Normal's music throughout the space of seventy-one years. Frederic Pease, who preceded Professor Alexander taught here for 40 years. Mr. Alexander came here in 1909 and has directed the Christmas concert every year since then with the exception of one of the war years when no boys could be secured for the choir. However, the girls presented a program in

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Soph Swirl Heads Appoint Helpers

Various Committees Picked For Dance

Vowing to eclipse other campus activities of the year, Paul Bartley and Mary Esther Ross, recently selected co-chairmen of the Soph Swirl, announced last Friday the choices for key positions on the committee staff.

Responsible for the decorations is chairman Shirley Ann Nepodal with assistants Lois Cook, Bob Blumenshine, and Jim Dan. Grace Morningstar will act as chairman of the programs committee with John Kenfield and Betty P. Lashbury as other members. Geraldine Bird, aided by Stanley Richardson, Bill Parker, and Jeanette Richards, heads the publicity committee.

Bob LaRue, will handle the tickets, assisted by Jane Shoemaker. Barney Dyer will lead the music committee with Ken Cleary, Barbara Neary, and Bernice Jacobs as colleagues. Aided by Bernadine Smith, Mills Wilber is chairman of the floor committee.

The tentative date for the event is set for some time about March 29, evidence that the sophomores are starting early on their biggest party of the year, and should present a commendable showing.

The ticket quota has been set at 200.

Capacity Crowd Hears Thomson Marriage Talk

Faculty Chat Speaker Discusses Faults Of Present Way

"No one wants to be loved scientifically, and we are prejudiced against scientific marriage because we think it takes away romance," said Dr. Mehran K. Thomson, of the sociology department, in discussing "Scientific Marriage" before a capacity crowd at the Faculty Chat in Alumni lounge, McKenny Hall, Monday.

These matters, he said, have not been discussed until recently because of false modesty due to puritanism which developed a conspiracy of silence against youth on matters of vital interest, and because of religious taboos and sentiments which made it sacrilegious to connect science with courtship and marriage. But, he continued, there are several reasons why we have at last come to discuss the subject openly. The age of science, the fact that everything else has become scientific, and the alarming increase in the divorce rate over the last 50 years have tended to develop a more scientific attitude toward marriage. In Michigan there is one divorce for every three marriages, he said, and all indications are that for the nation as a whole the rate will finally be one divorce for every two marriages. Kid McCoy who set the record for men has nine divorces to his credit.

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Girls At McKenny Hall Sport New Uniforms

In spite of the fact that he is a married man and a very devoted husband at that, McKenny Hall manager William J. Brownrigg has an eye for beauty when it comes to selecting uniforms for the women employees of the union. All the waitresses were sporting new green and white uniforms Sunday. The uniforms replaced the old tan dresses formerly worn by the girls. Mainly of green but trimmed with white, the new outfits are much smarter than the old. They have little aprons and head bands.

According to Mary Johnson, who works on the counter, the fellows were so enthralled with the new scenery that they forgot what they wanted to eat.

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Ypsi Student Injured

Joyce Baske, Detroit sophomore, was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Dexter Sunday evening.

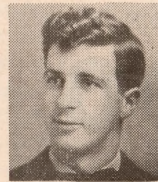
She suffered fractures of the arm and leg, and is confined in St. Joseph's hospital in Ann Arbor.



Wigell



Captain Joe Cook



Bartley



Miss Ross

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In general such communications should be of a constructive nature and should represent a sincere and well considered opinion. Each must be signed by the writer. Personal controversies are clearly out of place. The College has a number of Student and Faculty committees and administrative officers ready to attend to appropriate items and suggestions submitted to them. Obviously matters should be submitted to them directly to insure prompt consideration. Such procedure makes for efficiency and cooperation.

Sensible Style

Current hat styles provide a lot of fun for the critics, but current footwear is something different. It is so sensible that no one criticizes it. They might say on quick observation that ankle socks and saddle oxfords aren't just the thing for grown-up college students. But with a little reasoning hardly any one would dispute the fact that such footwear is only the practical style for every-day campus wear. And most everyone does consider the combination attractive as well.

Silk stockings run into money. And that is a literal statement. They run, they have to be replaced frequently, and they cost a ridiculous sum when you consider the brief period they serve. They wear out in the heels too. Ankle socks worn over silk hose won't delay runs but they will make the heels wear almost twice as long. And when weather permits, anklets without silk hose are even more practical.

High-heeled pumps and dressy suede oxfords are beautiful in their place, but neither can compare with the sporty saddle oxford when it comes to taking the tough treatment of every-day campus life. The most serviceable of the many kinds of saddle oxfords has a gum rubber sole that makes the shoe just as wearable in rain and snow as in sunny weather. And the ability of a saddle oxford to get downright dirty without looking sloppy is something you don't get in a suede slipper.

Whoever started the style of saddle oxfords and anklets started something that is more than the usual fleeting fad. Comfort and wearability, the two basic factors in making any clothing style permanently popular, have made saddle oxfords and anklets standard style for college girls who aren't likely to exchange their new found foot freedom for other fashions without some mighty good arguments. — M. Haydon.

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Dyer House Honors
Football Players

The boys from "Dyer House" swept all competition aside and ate up everything in sight at a dinner given by Mrs. Dyer in honor of her football players—Captain Joe Pokrywka, Dave Gates, Warren Gross, Ed Kontry, and Joe Borovich. All live at the famous "Dyer House".

Coaches E. J. Ryneerson and Ray Stites, Captain-elect Walt Siera, and Jimmy Walsh were also present. Mr. Ryneerson teaches anatomy and Barney Dyer, nephew of host and hostess Dyer, is in the anatomy class. No insinuations intended.

Thompson

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"Until we investigate scientifically," continued Dr. Thomson, "we will never know what causes America to have the largest divorce rate in the world. It is the only country making romantic love the basis for marriage." Clearly, something is wrong with such a basis, he said.

Dr. Thomson referred to a recent book, "Predicting Success and Failure in Marriage", by Burgess and Cottell. Some factors to be considered in making a marriage happy were uncovered by the authors after an exhaustive study of a large number of couples. Thomson summarized the more important findings as follows: Length of acquaintance, for husband three years, for wife one year; age at marriage, for husband about 24, for wife 20 or over; age differences, husband not more than 10 years older, wife not more than five years younger.

"It is such a rare thing for college graduates to get married that when they do they can adjust easily," he said. "Education is a selective process, so college graduates are usually the kind who can adjust." Other factors influencing the success of marriage, according to Burgess and Cottell, include similarity of background, success of parents' marriage, health of couple, and similar mental ability. Income appears to be of no consequence in happiness, except as an indirect factor.

"Love isn't the best basis for marriage," said Dr. Thomson. "For example," he remarked, "if a man has nice wavy hair you can see that this basis won't last long," meaning that it isn't wise for a girl to marry a man for his physical attractiveness. "And don't marry a man with the idea of reforming him," he said, "because it just can't be done."

At present Burgess and Cottell are making a study of tensions and accord in relation to marriage success. Their idea as explained by Dr. Thomson is that there must be an absence of tension and a presence of accord. One discord in itself is not important but a number at once are dangerous. Scientific study aims to consider all the factors and avoid mismatches that are all too common today.

In conclusion Dr. Thomson stated some of his opinions formed from observation. We have to destroy the myth of happiness and the myth that little surface things cause trouble, he said. Marriage must not interfere with one's major ambition in life, nor is there any such thing as a fifty-fifty marriage. "One has to recognize the superiority of the other and the stronger character will dominate. Accept this and be thankful that a superior person is willing to live with you."

Dorothy St. Peter, chairman, announced January 9 as date of the next Faculty Chat when it is hoped President Munson will be guest speaker.

Concert

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its place. During his stay here, Mr. Alexander has had numerous offers to accept positions in other institutions but has been content to stay here for he believes to really accomplish something in music one must remain in one capacity for a sufficient length of time. Evidence of this is shown by the fact that sons and daughters of former choir members are singing in this year's choir; and graduate choir members are bringing their honor students back to contribute to the program.

The following alumni will return to take part in the singing of the "Sanctus". — Iris Matthews Alexander, Tecumseh; Vera Corbett, East Dearborn; Beatrice Hildebrandt, Keego Harbor; Dorothy DeLeo, Wayne; Clarence Odmark, Almont; Bernard Stone, Mt. Pleasant; Frieda Savage, Belleville; Loren Green, Reading; Ida Engel, Hazel Park; Margaret Rawson, Brown City; Florence Schafarik, Ypsilanti; Charles Kressler, Ypsilanti; Norman Roller, Flat Rock; Alice Roth, Ann Arbor; Norma J. Campbell, Monroe; Dorothy McColl Clinton; Darlene Friday, Jackson; William McCandless, Ypsilanti; Bess Hyde, Port Huron; Mollie Karner, Utica; Edward Taber, Ypsilanti; Arlene Seaman, Hartland; Helen Newcomb, Dexter; Mrs. Gordon Speer, Ypsilanti; Gordon Sweet, Ann Arbor; Eda Clark Pester, Ypsilanti; Lucille Bach Curtis, Ypsilanti; Jean McKimmie Port Huron; Clarence Luchman, Romulus; Kathleen Dunham, Royal Oak; Lucille Theurer Buta, Flint; John Elwell, Saginaw; Reva Dean Elwell, Saginaw; Harold Koch, Dearborn; Mildred Koch, Dearborn; Anorth Platt, Ypsilanti; Robert Wurster, Ann Arbor; Mary Esther Foote, Detroit; Ralph Banta, Detroit; Henry Melloche, Detroit; William Cruickshank, Ann Arbor; Gilbert Blanke, Jonesville; Phyllis Stephens, Dearborn; Ilda Lord, Ypsilanti; Robert Benjamin, Wyandotte; Roxy Cowin, Ann Arbor; Doris Breed Myers, Ypsilanti; Kenneth Jewell, Romeo; Keene Stollsteimer, Howell; Edith Lewis Bachman, Flint; Philip Haddrill, Milford; Myra Grattan, Ypsilanti; Opal Brazee, Ypsilanti; Ellen Wright, Ypsilanti; Agnes Pitts, Coldwater; Mary Power, Ypsilanti; Virginia Mutter, Wayne; Robert Luscombe, Detroit. t

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Syllabus for Early Elementary curriculum class by Miss Skinner. In gray cover. Please return to News office.

FORMER PROF. RENINGER
REVIEWS WAUGH'S
NEW BOOK

Heaven Speaks American
by Edgar Wiggins Waugh
The Torch Press, 1939. \$1.75

At a time when the barbaric plague spreads itself over Europe threatening the democracy still left in the world, one wonders what has become of men like Tom Paine and Thomas Jefferson. We must look too far back for such mighty sentences as: "I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of men." When, therefore, we come upon a new volume and read that this "book is intended as a satire on our thousands of gloating super-patriots who go crusading through out the length and breadth of the land to fan the flames of bigotry and national egotism among our normally peaceful and well meaning citizens," we rub our eyes and look again: "But true loyalty does not consist in gloating over a great past and seeking to freeze forever the status quo upon our people; rather it consists more in looking forward to better goals—a greater freedom and a better society." Although either one of those sentences might have been written by Tom Paine while he was fighting the British and French aristocrats, they were actually written by a twentieth-century college professor. Those of you who have had your political science under a classicist—and who have learned better under experience—will marvel somewhat at the miracle.

Prof. Waugh's *Heaven Speaks American* is the most recent addition to a battalion of books, speeches, pamphlets, and poems which constitutes one of the greatest—perhaps the greatest—traditions in American letters, the ever green doctrine of the rights of man. It is this tradition of democracy, freedom of thought, tolerance, and willingness to explore all life, either sacred or profane, which has lived in American literature. When Edgar Lee Masters recently praised such men as Franklin, Paine, Jefferson, Bryant (especially as an editor), Freneau, Emerson, and especially Whitman and Dreiser; and, on the other hand, pointed to the superficiality of apostles of the Genteel Tradition such as Holmes, Lowell, Longfellow, and Howells, he was saying precisely the same thing. To say, therefore, that *Heaven Speaks American* promotes the evergreen tradition in American letters is to

say that it is one more attempt to define Americanism.

Satire used as an instrument for the correction of political and social abuses has had a distinguished career: the line can be traced through Juvenal, Dryden, Swift, Shaw, and Sinclair Lewis. But unlike many of the satirists of the past, Professor Waugh has accomplished one thing not generally found in his predecessors: he refuses either the position of the omniscient judge or the final legislator for the world. Instead, he goes in search of some stable truth, which at the end of his journey he finds to be an attitude of mind. That our social machinery squeaks in every joint no one would deny; we quarrel only over the suggested doctrines of repair, doctrine in theoretical triumph, the author goes to the heart of our social machine and finds the difficulty not so much in the apparatus as in the power that moves it. That motive power our eighteenth century fathers defined as freedom of speech, thought, and action with which we were to pursue life, liberty, and happiness. Now Mr. Waugh's point is simply this: because of the selfish perversions of the democratic principle by economic power groups, our democratic habit of mind has been buried under an avalanche of propaganda: Americanism, which was once used to teach us the lesson of tolerance, is now being used to malign anyone who insists on its original definition. And that original definition he finds once more in the twentieth-century words of the late Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes: "If there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other it is the principle of free thought—not free thought for those who agree with us but freedom for the thought that we hate." It is this fundamental democratic principle which the fascist American vigilantes conveniently ignore.

Every technical precision and care has been used in the book to

avoid involving the reader in any "ism" whatever: indeed, the author has even written a Preface to instruct the American newspaperman how to read a satire intelligently. For an American brought up on "The Declaration of Independence" and the "Gettysburg Address" to misunderstand the purpose of *Heaven Speaks American* should admit him immediately to membership in the German-American Bund. The only stroke Mr. Waugh missed was his incredible absent-mindedness in not ironically dedicating the book to Fritz Kuhn.

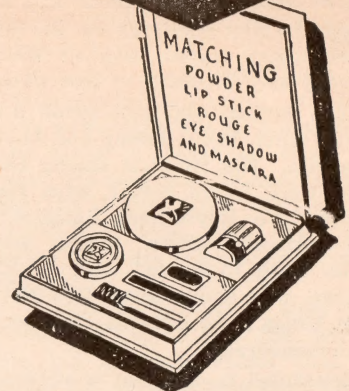
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WAA To Sponsor Mixed
Badminton Tournament

The Women's Athletic Association is sponsoring a mixed badminton tournament for the all-college championship. The tournament will begin the first week after Christmas vacation. Practice for the tournament however, begins this Saturday morning at 10:00. Anyone is eligible to play in this tournament. The only requirement is that one have a partner, and that one's name is signed on the sheet at the men's entrance to the gymnasium or on the sheet in the girl's locker-room. Students still have time to learn how to play this game before the tournament begins. Equipment is furnished by W. A. A. and can be checked out from Miss Brewster's W. A. A. office at any time there is playing space in the gymnasium.

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Downtown

Ann Arbor

State Street

Trackmen Have Chance To Duck Practice As Both Coaches Attend Conferences

Trackmen will have an opportunity to duck practice sessions and training this week-end since both Dr. Lloyd Wendell Olds and Assistant Coach George Marshall will be many miles away attending meetings of four different athletic organizations whose programs are connected with this institution.

Dr. Olds left Monday for Miami, Florida where he will represent the Michigan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union, of which he is president. He has been connected in an official capacity with the A. A. U. for about twenty years. He served as a member of the Olympic team committee in 1932 and was chosen by the National A. A. U. to coach and accompany a touring track and field team through Europe in 1935.

Mr. Marshall has a more difficult job on his hands, for he must attend three meetings in the space of two days while Dr. Olds will be at the Miami meeting for nine days. His three meetings are to be in Chicago over this coming week-end.

Marshall will leave today for the

big city to attend tomorrow's meeting of the National Sigma Delta Psi conference and the Intramural meeting of the Big Ten conference. On Saturday he will attend the meeting of the Central Inter-Collegiate conference.

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Intramural Dept. Looks For Managers

Understudies Wanted To Aid Program

An opportunity is being offered by the intramural department to an underclassman to become an understudy for the position of manager, according to an announcement by Dr. L. W. Olds.

To work up to the rank of intramural manager or sports manager a student must be a member of the physical education department, a non-fraternity man, and preferably a member of the sophomore or freshman class.

A number of advantages are derived from this position. Limitless experience is acquired in the direction of the extensive program sponsored by the department annually. Such experience is considered so valuable by superintendents intent on hiring a man to direct phys-ed that seldom does an intramural manager graduate with out a job.

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REPORTER TAKES NOTES IN LOCKER ROOM AFTER GAME

... Zeke Zachar was back in town for the Alumni game last Thursday and it can't be said that he disappointed his most critical fan (including Marian Sark) ... that left-handed shot he made from the corner delighted even the girls ... even after the game martin was the center of attraction ... getting in to start his car he stepped on the starter and the smoke began to roll out the motor it began o whistle and suddenly something let loose with a bang ... martin came out one door and marian the other ... someone came through the back window ... martin then realized that someone had wired a smoke bomb to the starter switch and with a sheepish grin began calling for ray stites ... ray wasn't around but martin says that's "whodunnit" ... jess davis has his private cheering section at the games again this year ... said section includes poppa, momma, sister, and last (but not least) gracie ... if jess makes any mistakes he hears the ones rynie forgets to remind him of from the aforesaid section ... manager dave gates is learning his basketball the hard way ... refing first and learning the game second is dave's philosophy ... it's more profitable too, pipes up the short man in the corner ... rumor has it that this year's basketball team is the best balanced to represent the school in a long time ... we repeat it with our tongue in our cheek ... the fraternity speedball league certainly proved a thriller this year ... the kappa phi gets beat but wins a replay on a protest and then the next night the phi sigs and phi delts go out and play a nocturnal tie ... chapman says that it wasn't a goal that berg kicked, it was one of the refs late for dinner ... besides who saw the ball go through the goal anyway ... the intramural department says that its new infra-yellow camera got the picture as gulliver booted it through. ... frank worzniak and joe borovich are sporting new watches and medals ... results of playing in the national amateur baseball tournament and winning the blooming prize ... they also got medals for which with a nickel and the medal they can get a cup of coffee at almost any restaurant ... frank received another honor that can not be joked about when he was named the most valuable player in the class A league in detroit ... and on the national champ team at that ...

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Mary had a football man Who had a tricky toe, And everywhere that Mary went The man was sure to go. He followed her to class one day Though not against the rule, It surely made them laugh to see A football man in school.

Alumni Defeats Varsity In First Basketball Game

The varsity basketball team lost its first game of the year to the strong Alumni team Thursday night in the Central High gym by the comparatively close score of 49-45. The game was rather loosely played but it must be noted that this was the first game of the year for the squad and the first collegiate game for seven members of the team.

The Alumni team that furnished the opposition was one of the strongest teams that has represented the Grads in a great many years. Another factor was the frequent substitutions by Coach Ryerson in order to find a combination that would click in consistent fashion. The game was marked by rather erratic passing and inaccurate shooting, especially by the varsity who seemed to be working under pressure. The Alumni with less at stake took the game a little easier and, as a result, played a steadier game.

Outstanding for the varsity squad were a couple of newcomers, Bill Ladd and Berman Misenar. Both are tall rangy lads and look to be very promising additions to this year's team. Carl Alfson and Walt Siera, veterans from last year, both played an aggressive game and aided materially in holding the Alumni in check. Ed Anzick and Chuck Oxley also give indication that they will be of some help in turning back future opposition.

The game showed that there is still work to be done in welding the material into a workable unit. The boys show a great deal of individual ability and eagerness to play and with a few more practice sessions under their belt they should be able to go places in competition this year. In contrast to last year the varsity squad is able to control the backboards a greater part of the time. With Ed Kontry, Berman Misenar, Ken Hendy, Fritz Bennetts, and Joe Cook in the lineup at the same time the quintet averages over six feet. This added height should give the touch that was lacking in last year's small but able squad.

Box Score:				
NORMAL (45)	G	F	Pts	
Wiczynski, f	1	1	3	
Carlson, f	0	0	0	
Misenar, c	3	1	7	
Oxley, g	2	0	4	
Siera, g	2	1	5	
Alfson, f	1	1	2	
Bennetts, f	1	1	3	
Grant, c	1	0	2	
Yeager, g	2	0	4	
Anzick, g	1	0	2	
Davis, f	0	0	0	
Cook, f (C)	0	0	0	
Hendy, c	2	0	4	

Relay Teams Show Strength

State Champ



Duane Zemper

Women's Athletics

The first round in the Independent-Sorority volleyball tournament has been completed. The competition for first place is still very strong. The first place honor in League I is held by the Roman Cleanser's with Theta Lambda and Sigma Nu Phi in a tie for second place. The Rosettes are leading League II, with the Pole Cats and Pi Kaps close behind tied in second place. In League III the Delta Sigs and the Blue and Golds are fighting for first place. Both teams have a percentage of 1,000. Only three teams remain in League IV because of the elimination of the Theta Sigs. The Frosh Soes are now leading, and the Tri Sigs and Spartans are tied for second. The second round of the tournament will start this week.

The interclass swimming meet will be held at Roosevelt pool this Monday evening at 7:30. Girls to swim in the meet are needed by all classes. General students are urged to swim as well as physical education students. Anyone with any swimming ability should show her class spirit by helping her team. There will be two free style events, one breast stroke, one back stroke, one side stroke, two relays, and diving. Everyone is invited to watch, and the admission is free.

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Ladd, g	2	0	4
Kontrymowicz, g	1	2	4
Totals	19	7	45

ALUMNI (49)	G	F	Pts
Walsh, f	3	3	9
Worzniak, f	4	0	8
Wenger, c	0	2	2
Casucci, g	2	0	4
Walker, g	4	0	8
Kazlusk, f	1	3	5
Batterson, f	0	0	0

'Four Deep In Every Track Event', Says Coach Olds

"Four deep and more in every event", proudly exclaims coach L. W. Olds in describing the track outlook for the approaching indoor and outdoor season; but upon questioning, he admitted weaknesses in the field events.

However, with such strength in all the sprints, middle distances, and distances, the flat races will be well taken care of while Hlad, Sommerfield, and Paris will be tough men to beat over the hurdles.

The distance runs will find state champion Duane Zemper fighting it out with his teammates Bob Lee, Warren Johnson, Elmer Burnie, and Jack Hansma. Tommy Quinn will probably run the mile, although Zemper and Quinn are likely to be changed from either event.

Plenty of relay material exists from the half mile to the two mile. The team that won the state title as freshmen will be augmented by the varsity stars Captain Grindle and Ron Clark. The Armour Tech victors in the two-mile last year—Quinn, Zemper, Grindle, and Hughes will find plenty of reinforcements from the sophomores. Joe Brzezinski rates as a likely replacement for Hughes, who has signified his intentions to retire.

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Women Plan Confab For Basketball All Day Saturday

The Washtenaw County Board of Officials is sponsoring a Women's Basketball Conference to be held at McKenny Hall and the Normal gymnasium Saturday, December 9. Anyone interested is invited to attend the meeting. Several outstanding women from different parts of the state will be on hand to contribute to the meeting.

The program will get under way at 9:30 with registration, and will be followed by a general meeting at 10:15; luncheon at 12:00; panel discussion on basketball problems, 1:30; demonstration of officiating, 2:30; discussion of officiating, 3:15; demonstration in methods of coaching, 3:30; theoretical examination for national rating for anyone desiring to be rated, 4:15; tour of new campus buildings, 5:00.

Registration fee for coaches and teachers will be 25 cents while students may register for 10 cents. The luncheon will cost 30 cents.

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PHI SIGS WIN TITLE

Phi Sigma Epsilon won the interfraternity speedball championship yesterday when they defeated the Kappa Phi team. Three teams—Kappa Phi Alpha, Phi Sigs, and Phi Delts were dead-locked for first place until Kaypees won from the Peedees on a forfeit, bringing the tourney to a showdown between the two finalists of yesterday.

Ashley, c	4	3	11
Zachar, g	1	0	2
Totals	19	11	49

Score at half: Alumni, 24, Normal, 19. Umpire, Gates, (Mich. Normal) Referee, Stemmelen (Wayne)

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Campus Undergoes Extensive Program Of Repair Work

While a new college is rapidly springing up on the northern front of the campus, work in rejuvenating the older buildings and parts of the campus has been going on until it has reached the point where one cannot go anywhere here without seeing evidence of the tremendous program of repair work.

In the past few months about one mile of sidewalk has been constructed. Curbing has been set and new staircases of concrete have been built. The sidewalks cut through every section of the campus and they are by no means completed.

The parapet walls about the top of Pease auditorium are now being re-inforced. New brick is being used to replace old brick which has deteriorated.

Work has begun in the construction of a foundation for a new steam boiler which with the additional new piping will cost more than seventy thousand dollars. Installation of a new heat control system is now under way. This system is expected to save about 20% in fuel costs during the year.

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Twin Valley High School Debaters To Assemble Here

The spotlight of forensic interest will focus on the Pi Kappa Delta sponsored Twin Valley Debate League Tournament when high school students from six schools assemble here Saturday to verbally battle their ways through the district elimination series.

Under the general chairmanship of Professor Harry T. Wood, men's debate coach here, speakers from Wayne, River Rouge, Ypsilanti, Dearborn, Plymouth, and Ecorse high schools will run off the debates in McKenny Hall in a series of three rounds, two of which will occur in the morning, the third following a cafeteria style dinner at noon in the union building.

WILLIAM F. SOSINSKI HAS NAME CHANGED TO SOSKIN

At twenty minutes past ten Monday morning in Detroit, William F. Sosinski became William F. Soskin as his name was legally changed in the court house in that city.

Soskin is a senior student whose graduation in June will climax an active four years of college in which he served as sophomore class president, chairman of various and sundry committees, presi-



Editor Emeritus Soskin, president of Phi Delta Pi fraternity, and as editor-in-chief of the Normal College News.

He served in the capacity of editor during his junior year and contributed a great deal to the quality of the Normal College News. Previous to his appointment as editor-in-chief, he was assistant editor. At present he is faculty editor of the Aurora, "Our College Annual."

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Newman Club To Have Communion Breakfast

The Newman Club is having its second annual Christmas Communion Breakfast on December 10, at 9:15 in Charles McKenny Hall.

The main speaker at the breakfast will be John Kirk and there will be short musical selections. And John Herron, Newman Club president, will act as toastmaster. The Catholic members of the faculty will be guests of the Newman Club.

Tickets may still be purchased from Lillian McKillen or Eleanor Purman, co-chairman of the breakfast.

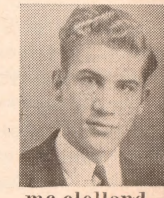
All Catholic students are cordially invited and urged to attend

OF GRIEF 'N GOSSIP



no honest man as i recall has ever claimed to know it all

... forty-seven copies of the above verse are available in the office of the news ... no, there are only six fellows from Massachusetts on the campus ... must be for some other state ... those fellows from bayer apts tell the strangest of tales ... their latest is that al mcellelland eats colored crayons before he goes to bed so that his nightmares will be in technicolor ... due to frequent interruptions during the week, thursday afternoon from three until four will be established as the official gripe hour for grippers ... each griper will be allowed three minutes to express his pet peave ... that will be in the news office ... the gossip



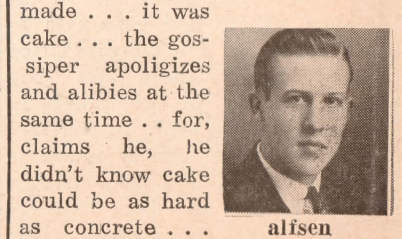
al mcellelland

expresses regrets to jeanne barber and carl alsen for misconstruing facts ... last week it was stated that the two presented a love-



miss barber

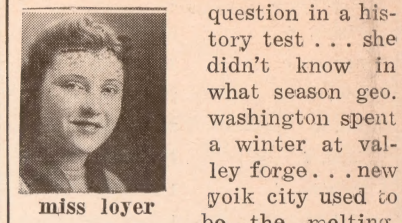
ly domestic scene as they made fudge and took care of kiddies ... those statements were not accurate ... it was not fudge they made ... it was cake ... the gos-



alisen

siper apologizes and alibies at the same time ... for, claims he, he didn't know cake could be as hard as concrete ... anyhow it was a sweet domestic scene ... the freshman from mt: clemens step forward with a theme song ...

roses are red
violets are blue
i got flunked out
what'll i do—



miss loyer

... eunice loyer, the dutch gal from holland, missed out on a question in a history test ... she didn't know in what season geo. washington spent a winter at valley forge ... new york city used to be the melting pot of america ... immigration laws have stopped the melting ... les grafton got in an argument with a frat brother last week ... the subject of the tiff was whether a girl shows distinction in her dress or shows distinctly ... mr. grafton has been selected to replace mr. brietag as clean-up man on the phi sig mascot team ... ann arbor boys do a good job of chizzling in to ypsi dances ... quite a line of them bumming rides back to the reservation at 12:30 week-ends ... observations show that ypsi men aren't missing much ... the girls they get here are the ones who wouldn't get a date here in six years ... max peet used to be quite a student in the anatomy class at one but it is feared he is on the down-grade ... but she certainly is a fine piece of extra-curricular activity ... they both come from the same town but it didn't start un-



peet

til they got here ... the veracity of this practice will not be vouch-

Sororities Take In New Members; Make Xmas Plans

Lois Cook, Betsy Waite, and Lois Bliss became members of the Theta Lambda Sigma sorority Saturday morning at which time formal initiation was held at McKenny Hall. Following the ceremonies the alumnae chapter of the sorority joined the actives at a luncheon.

A Christmas party for twenty children will be held at the Theta Lambda house Saturday afternoon. Plans for a Christmas tree and games are being arranged.

Delta Sigma Epsilon discussed many plans at its meeting Monday evening at the Union. Alyce Bettesworth, chairman of the Christmas sing, gave a report and days were set for practice. Barbara Forker was named chairman of the informal rushing party next semester, assisted by Margaret Clark and Barbara Neary. Nora Albright is giving the sorority a Christmas party this Sunday at the home of Miss Todd, faculty member. Plans were also begun on the informal party the sorority is having after Christmas vacation.

On December 9, at 7:30 A. M. at the sorority house, formal initiation will be held for the following girls: Esther Lou Fochtman, Marion Kempf, and Marion Schwartzkopf. Miss Virginia Wielandy who is the sorority's new advisor will also be initiated.

In place of their regular sorority meeting next Monday night, the Alpha Mu Sigs will have a Christmas party with Emmajune Neubert leading the fun. Mary Jane Schlossstein asks that each girl bring a gift to go into the Christmas stocking.

The Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority held formal initiation last Friday night at 6:45 P. M. at the house. Bernadine Smith, Nada Vranish, Peg MacGregor, and Kathleen Thompson are the newly initiated members. The sorority will hold a Christmas party at the house next Sunday.

The pledges of Pi Delta Theta entertained members at the regular meeting last week. The annual Christmas party for the sorority is to be held Monday night at Sue Baltzer's home. At that time a stocking for the YWCA will be filled. The song which the sorority is to sing at the Christmas Sing was practiced.

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miss wolfe

er ... it could easily be miss larue ... delight davis claims to be the most modern latin student in existence ... she may be right, she may be right ... fritz bennetts requested that his name be kept out of the sports columns unless permission is obtained from him ... he must approve all articles ... oh, these celebrities ... then they tell of the senior from mt. clemens who when dining at a certain prof's house thanksgiving day asked him if he would pass the nuts ... i suppose so responded the prof, but i should flunk you.

Social Committee Discovers Method To Do Away With Suitcase Collegians

The "Open House" held in McKenny Hall last Saturday night, if judged by the comments of students and faculty who attended it, was a huge success. From all sources, this reporter has heard superlative compliments for the party and the social committee responsible for the affair. In spite of the size of the band which played for dancing in the ballroom, it was thought to be one of the best bands presented on this campus in some time. And the singer—Oh! No words can describe the "bouquets" passed to her by the students of this college. Not only did the dancers enjoy her piano playing but when she sang several boys were seen to stop and gape in awe at her striking countenance. And the sounds that came from her golden pipes floated across the ballroom and today some of the students are still dreaming about her. Close to 500 students attended.

Other reports on the affair find only one fault with the "Open

House", and that was that there weren't enough of them. One a night would just about suffice. Not only was the ballroom popular, but the men's lounge in which the Ford old time orchestra played for square dancing proved interesting to a host of "campusites, and ettes."

Back on the top floor again, the games put on by the committee in the Alumni lounge and the three rooms gave the more skillful another outlet for their pep and vigor. In the alumni lounge only one casualty was reported in a bridge game when an unidentified youth trumped his partners ace. In room 2, throwing rubber rings around a hall tree proved very popular, and the happiest person of all was Peg MacGregor who won a package of gum for her skill.

Without a doubt, the party was a huge success and it is the hope of this reporter as well as the students to whom he has spoken that the event will be duplicated in the near future.

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Marion Patrich Chosen To Head Fine Arts Club

The results of the annual election held two weeks ago to select heads for the Fine Arts Club have finally been determined with Marion Patrich chosen for president and Elizabeth Sheppard as new secretary.

Working as a committee, the members of the Art Department have decided to meet the 13th of December in Starkweather for the yearly Art Club Christmas party will take place.

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A. C. E. To Sponsor Party For The Underprivileged

The Association of Childhood Education will sponsor a Christmas party for underprivileged children on Saturday at 2:00 in Starkweather Hall. The girls have made toys scrap books, and filled stockings for their little guests. Helen Potts directed the making of twenty-four dolls and Joan Olds took charge of making scrap books. President Elizabeth Reisburg stated that the party will be complete with a Santa Claus, and urges all A. C. E. members to attend.

The meeting held on Tuesday, December 5 was the last meeting of the semester.

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Zeta Chi Sigma is going to hold a closed party Saturday night at 9 o'clock at the Union in the Alumni lounge. It is sponsored by the Alumni chapter, and many alumni are expected back.

They are planning to take part in the Christmas Sing, and have been practicing.

Russia, Germany Will Be Beaten

Pollock Sees Little Hope For Dictators

Reviewing the happenings in the European situation and offering his own ideas on the matter, Dr. James Pollock of the University of Michigan political science faculty spoke before the general assembly in Pease auditorium last Tuesday.

Dr. Pollock was strong in his accusations as to the guilt of Russia and Germany in the present struggle, and expressed freely that he has no sympathies with their governments. His opinion insisted that Russia and Germany could not hold out against the Allies.

In an interview with him following the speech, he denied that it was a laboring class movement in Germany, stating that it was "State capitalism." He did not state his definition of the term. He also claimed that a strong underground movement is going on in Germany.

In respect to United States interference in the fracas, Dr. Pollock would like this nation to help the Allies in anything short of war. He said that he had respect for the sincere isolationist of the Borah-Nye type but "spit on" those who were not sincere in their claims.

He has no sympathy with the American Legion and the witch-hunting for Communists that is going on. He believes that Frank Murphy and the G-Men can do a better job without interference.

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